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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1941.

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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To the Chairman and Members
of the
Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

For the year 1941, I propose to submit for your consideration a "Summary" Report omitting many of the usual statistics which however, have been carefully considered and placed aside for recording when times are more normal.

During the year there was no unusual or excessive mortality, neither was there any sickness or invalidity which required special consideration. There has been no change in the general Health Services provided for the district.

It is worthy of note that the birth rate has not been so high since 1928 and the death rate so low since 1931.

STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

		Total	M.	F.
Live Births	Legitimate	139	82	57
	Illegitimate	4	2	2
	Total	143	84	59
Stillbirths	Legitimate	7	4	3

DEATHS

	Total	M.	F.
Whooping Cough	1	-	1
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	-
Cancer	9	4	5
Diabetes	2	1	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	12	4	8
Heart disease	41	18	23
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	3	2
Bronchitis	9	4	5
Pneumonia	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	2	-
Digestive diseases	4	1	3
Nephritis	3	2	1
Premature birth	4	1	3
Congenital Debility & Malformation etc.	2	2	-
Suicide	2	-	2
Other Violent causes	3	2	1
All other causes	34	16	18
	136	62	74

Deaths from puerperal causes -

	Deaths	Death-rate per 1000 (live & still) births
Puerperal & post-abortive sepsis	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	-
Total	-	-

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

	M.	F.
Legitimate	6	4
Illegitimate	-	-
	6	4

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births	69
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	71
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	NIL

Deaths from Cancer	(all ages)	9
" Measles	" "	NIL
" Whooping Cough	" "	1
" Diarrhoea	(under 2 years of age)	NIL

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Diseases	Total Cases	Age Periods: Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & Over	Total Deaths	Hospitals: Total Cases removed to Hospital	Hospitals: Deaths in hospitals
Diphtheria	6				2		2	1			1				5	
Measles, German Measles	31	1	1	5	4	5	10		3	1	1					
Whooping Cough	60	4	10	15	10	8	11	2						1		
Acute Pneumonia	4	1		1						1		1		2		
Puerperal Pyroxia	1										1					
	102	6	11	21	16	13	23	3	3	2	3	1		3	5	

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1941

Age Periods	New cases: Respiratory M.	New cases: Respiratory F.	New cases: Non-Respiratory M.	New cases: Non-Respiratory F.	Deaths: Respiratory M.	Deaths: Respiratory F.	Deaths: Non-Respiratory M.	Deaths: Non-Respiratory F.
Years								
1 - 5			1				1	
15 -20		1	1					
25 -35			1					
35 -45				1				
55 -65		1						
		2	3	1			1	

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of children immunised during the year:-

(1)	pre-school children	170
(2)	school children	723
		893

Number of post-schick tests 50

SCABIES

The Scabies Order, 1941, came into operation during the year and arrangements were made for the treatment of same at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe.

HOUSING

No new houses were erected during the year. The demand for houses in the district is still increasing owing to the present emergency, although there were no serious cases of overcrowding.

WATER

The water supply for the district was well maintained from the quality and quantity points of view.

A private water supply was found to have been contaminated from drainage, but this was soon remedied by the provision of a septic tank.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There were no extensions or improvements carried out during the year.

All sewage was treated by the precipitation, filtration and land irrigation methods.

There are 41 pails in outlying districts which are emptied weekly.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION ETC.

Number of pail closets	41
" " fresh water closets	1033
" " waste " "	2623
" " waste water closets converted to fresh water closets	7

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of household and shop refuse was carried out as in previous years, - collection by two covered refuse vehicles and disposal by means of Controlled Tipping

Number of ash-pits	Approx. 900
" " dustbins	" 2612
" " dustbins substituted for ash-pits during the year	15

The salvage of waste materials was carried out during the year, the results of which, were again very satisfactory.

Cleansing of streets and Gullies

The department is responsible for this work and was carried out without incident during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Number of premises visited	247
" " defects or nuisances discovered	91
" abated	91
" of informal notices served	48
" " statutory " "	-

FACTORIES

No serious defects were found during the year.

MILK SUPPLY

The general condition of the cowsheds and dairies were found to be satisfactory. There are three 'Accredited' farms in the district

One new cowshed and dairy was erected.

Number of dairy farms	21
Approximate number of cows in the district	300
Number of dairymen or milk purveyors	5
" " inspections	39

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughtering was continued by the Ministry of Food at the Council's slaughterhouse, up to the 18th September when same was discontinued owing to financial economy, and the conserving of transport and manpower.

Food preparing premises were regularly inspected

BAKEHOUSES

All the bakehouses have been kept in a satifactory condition and limewashing etc. was carried out regularly.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. K. Cumming

Medical Officer of Health